

## Consolidated Plan Community Priority Needs Survey - Background

In order to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds, the federal government requires the City of Wichita to prepare a three or five year Consolidated Plan, to identify needs in the community, which can be addressed through funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan is designed to guide the City's funding decisions over the next (three or) five years. The Housing and Community Services Department is responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan. We are working on a five year plan to cover the years 2009-2013, and we want your input.

Because federal funds have been decreasing over the past 10 years, it is more important than ever, that spending in these areas be prioritized in line with the community's needs.

There are a variety of sources for information on our community's needs, and we are reviewing all of them. However, we have also developed this brief survey which asks people who might be eligible to receive or deliver Consolidated Plan-funded services, to rank areas of need which are eligible for federal funding.

Community input is important and we hope you will take the time to respond to the survey. Following are summaries of the federal guidelines to be followed for funding available through the Consolidated Plan.

**CDBG-funded programs must meet one of the following national objectives:**

- Benefit to low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons
  - Area benefit where at least 51% of the residents are low-mod
  - Low-mod limited clientele where at least 51% of the recipients are low-mod
  - Low-mod housing activities where the residents will be low-mod, or, for multi-family units, where at least 51% of the residents will be low-mod
  - Low-mod job creation where activities will result in at least 51% of the jobs will go to low mod persons
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight
  - "Slum Blight Area Basis" eliminates blight in an area which meets the state definition of slum or blight
  - "Slum Blight Spot Basis" eliminates blight in a specific location which is not in a blighted area
  - "Slum Blight Urban Renewal Area" to complete an urban renewal plan
- Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need)
  - To meet an emergency need as a result of a major weather-related disaster such as a flood, or to maintain order during civil disobedience

**HOME Investment Partnerships** is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposits. The HOME program requires a 25% match from non-Federal funds.

**Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)** is designed to help improve the quality of existing emergency shelters for the homeless, to make available additional shelters, to meet the costs of operating shelters, to provide essential social services to homeless individuals, and to help prevent homelessness.

Note: Low mod refers to persons whose family income is 80% or lower of the area median income.



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## Instructions

There are 10 categories of need, including 'other'. There are **two steps** to the ranking process.

**STEP 1.** Rank each of the 10 categories in order of importance, with 1 being most important.

**STEP 2.** Rank the components of each category in order of importance, using the alphabet.

**EXAMPLE:** You may decide to rank **HOUSING** as #1. Then you may decide single-family repair is most important, so you would mark it as (A); then you may decide that single-family construction is next in importance so you would mark it as (B), and so on for each category.

You may submit additional sheets or comments.

All surveys must be returned by **November 30, 2008** to:

**Mary K. Vaughn, Director**  
**Housing and Community Services Department**  
**332 N. Riverview**  
**Wichita, KS 67203**

Or by fax to: 361-462-3719

Or by email to: [mkvaughn@wichita.gov](mailto:mkvaughn@wichita.gov)

While the survey is intended to be anonymous, we need to demonstrate to HUD, the areas which are represented in the comments. Therefore, you are asked to provide the zip code where you live.



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<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>
– Single-family construction/infill	– Job training
– Single-family repair	– Crime prevention
– Single-family rent or mortgage subsidy	– Fair housing
– Homeownership	– Neighborhood outreach
– Multi-family construction	– Neighborhood associations
– Multi-family repair	– Health care and substance abuse treatment
– Multi-family rent or mortgage subsidy	
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
– Neighborhood revitalization planning	– Microenterprise assistance
– Energy conservation	– Commercial rehabilitation
– Neighborhood clean ups	– Small business loans
– Dangerous building demolition	– Small business loan guaranties
	– Special economic development activities
<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
– City recreation facilities	– Summer youth employment
– Neighborhood City Halls	– Youth recreation and enrichment
– Public parks and playgrounds	– Child care services
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<b>HOMELESS</b>
– Street construction or repair	– Chronic
– Sidewalk construction or repair	– Families with or without children
– Water & sewer line construction or repair	– Victims of domestic violence
	– Children (unaccompanied)
<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
– Single-family housing repair	
– Multi-family housing repair	
– Non residential building repair/restoration	
– Historic preservationist	

Please provide the zip code where you live. \_\_\_\_\_

